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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a necessary change to the cost of our school dinners.

After careful consideration and a thorough review of our catering budget, we have unfortunately been left with no choice but to increase the price of a school meal from **£2.60 to £2.80**, effective from Monday 13th April 2026. The price will increase again in September to **£3.00**.

Over recent years, the school has continued to lose money on its catering provision. This is due to significant increases in the cost of food, staff wages, electricity, gas, water, and essential kitchen services, to name just a few. Despite careful budgeting and efforts to absorb these rising costs wherever possible, the current price of £2.60 is no longer sustainable.

At present, £2.60 provides each child with a freshly prepared hot meal, including a pudding, cooked here in school by our dedicated kitchen team. We are proud of the meals we offer, and we know that many of the children genuinely enjoy their school dinners.

To put this into perspective, the average cost of a basic cup of coffee is approximately between £2.50 - £3.20. A sausage roll from a popular high street store such as Greggs costs around £1.45 and beans on toast can cost between £3.00-£4.50 in a typical cafe. We firmly believe that a two-course hot meal at £2.80 continues to represent very good value for money.

This decision has not been taken lightly. However, it is essential that the school operates in a financially responsible manner and avoids continuing losses year after year.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Walsh
Headteacher